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Auditor of State Mary Mosiman today released an agreed-upon procedures report on the City of Randalia, Iowa for the period February 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015. The agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed pursuant to Chapter 11.6 of the Code of Iowa.

Mosiman recommended the City review its control procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible and adopt formal policies regulating the use of City credit cards. The City should also adopt a written investment policy as required by the Code of Iowa.

A copy of the agreed-upon procedures report is available for review in the City Clerk's Office, in the Office of Auditor of State and on the Auditor of State's web site at <a href="http://auditor.iowa.gov/reports/1422-0317-EP0P.pdf">http://auditor.iowa.gov/reports/1422-0317-EP0P.pdf</a>.

### CITY OF RANDALIA

# INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2015

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# Officials

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	Term <u>Expires</u>
Mark Amos	Mayor	Jan 2016
Dean Teague Les Tyler Jeff Winkie Shane Prochaska Ann Smith	Council Member Council Member Council Member Council Member Council Member	Jan 2016 Jan 2016 Jan 2016 Jan 2018 Jan 2018
Lisa Lensing	City Clerk	Indefinite
Jeremiah White	City Attorney	Indefinite



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#### <u>Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures</u>

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below which were established pursuant to Chapter 11.6 of the Code of Iowa enacted by the Iowa Legislature to provide oversight of certain Iowa cities. Accordingly, we have applied certain tests and procedures to selected accounting records and related information of the City of Randalia for the period February 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015. The City of Randalia's management, which agreed to the performance of the procedures performed, is responsible for the City's records.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards for attestation engagements contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below, either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures we performed are summarized as follows:

- 1. We reviewed selected City Council meeting minutes for compliance with Chapters 21, 372.13(6) and 380 of the Code of Iowa.
- 2. We reviewed the City's internal controls to determine if proper control procedures are in place and incompatible duties, from a control standpoint, are not performed by the same employee.
- 3. We reviewed surety bond coverage for compliance with Chapter 64 of the Code of Iowa.
- 4. We obtained and reviewed the City Clerk's financial reports and selected bank reconciliations to determine whether the bank balances properly reconciled to the general ledger account balances and monthly financial reports provided to the City Council.
- 5. We reviewed City funds for consistency with the City Finance Committee's recommended Uniform Chart of Accounts (COA) and to determine required funds and fund balances are properly maintained and accurately accounted for.
- 6. We reviewed the City's fiscal year 2014 Annual Financial Report (AFR) to determine whether it was completed and accurately reflects the City's financial information.
- 7. We reviewed investments to determine compliance with Chapter 12B of the Code of Iowa.

- 8. We reviewed compliance with Chapters 12C.2, 12B.10B and 556.1(12) of the Code of Iowa pertaining to required depository resolutions, investment policy and reporting of unclaimed property to the State of Iowa.
- 9. We reviewed debt, including general obligation and revenue bonds/notes, and related transactions for proper authorization and compliance with Chapters 75, 384 and 403.9 of the Code of Iowa and to determine whether the debt and related proceeds and repayments were properly accounted for.
- 10. We reviewed and tested selected receipts for accurate accounting and consistency with the recommended COA.
- 11. We reviewed and tested selected disbursements for proper approval, adequate supporting documentation, accurate accounting and consistency with the recommended COA and compliance with the public purpose criteria established by Article III, Section 31 of the Constitution of the State of Iowa.
- 12. We reviewed transfers between funds for propriety, proper authorization and accurate accounting.
- 13. We reviewed and tested selected payroll and related transactions for propriety, proper authorization and accurate accounting.
- 14. We reviewed the annual certified budget for proper authorization, certification and timely amendment.

Based on the performance of the procedures described above, we identified various recommendations for the City. Our recommendations are described in the Detailed Recommendations section of this report. Unless reported in the Detailed Recommendations, items of non-compliance were not noted during the performance of the specific procedures listed above.

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an audit of the City of Randalia, the objective of which is the expression of opinions on the City's financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express opinions on the City's financial statements. Had we performed additional procedures, or had we performed an audit of the City of Randalia, additional matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and citizens of the City of Randalia and other parties to whom the City of Randalia may report. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of the City of Randalia during the course of our agreed-upon procedures engagement. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

WARREN G. ÆNKINS, CPA Chief Deputy Auditor of State

March 25, 2015



#### **Detailed Recommendations**

#### For the period February 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015

- (A) <u>Segregation of Duties</u> One important aspect of internal control is the segregation of duties among employees to prevent an individual employee from handling duties which are incompatible. Generally, one individual has control over each of the following areas for the City:
  - Cash handling, reconciling and recording.
  - (2) Receipts opening mail, collecting, depositing, journalizing, reconciling and posting.
  - (3) Disbursements purchasing, invoice processing, check writing, mailing, reconciling and recording.
  - (4) Financial reporting Although the City Clerk's financial reports were prepared monthly, they were not reviewed by an independent person.
  - <u>Recommendation</u> We realize segregation of duties is difficult with a limited number of employees. However, the City should review its control procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances utilizing currently available staff, including elected officials. Independent reviews of reconciliations and reports should be documented by the signature or initials of the reviewer and the date of the review.
- (B) <u>Credit Cards</u> The City has not adopted a formal policy to regulate the use of the City's credit cards and to establish procedures for the proper accounting of credit card purchases.
  - <u>Recommendation</u> The City should adopt a formal written policy regulating the use of the City's credit cards. The policy, at a minimum, should address who controls the credit cards, who is authorized to use the credit cards and for what purposes, as well as the types of supporting documentation required to substantiate charges.
- (C) <u>Bank Reconciliations</u> Bank reconciliations were not prepared timely and were not reviewed by an independent person.
  - <u>Recommendation</u> The City should establish procedures to ensure bank reconciliations are performed timely. In addition, an independent person should review all bank reconciliations and document their review by signing or initialing and dating the reconciliations.
- (D) <u>Investments</u> The City has not adopted a written investment policy as required by Chapter 12B.10B of the Code of Iowa. In addition, a detailed record of investment transactions was not maintained.
  - <u>Recommendation</u> The City should adopt a written investment policy which complies with the provisions of Chapter 12B.10B of the Code of Iowa. In addition, a detailed record of investment transactions should be maintained. The record should include the principal, amount, date purchased, interest rate, maturity date, identifying number and interest received.

# **Detailed Recommendations**

# For the period February 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015

- (E) <u>Surety Bond Coverage</u> Surety bond coverage of City officials and employees is not maintained as required by Chapter 64 of the Code of Iowa.
  - <u>Recommendation</u> The City should maintain surety bond coverage as required by Chapter 64 of the Code of Iowa.
- (F) <u>City Council Meeting Minutes</u> Meeting minutes tested were not signed as required by Chapter 380.7 of the Code of Iowa.
  - <u>Recommendation</u> All meeting minutes should be signed to authenticate the action taken, as required.

# Staff

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed by:

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